

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Locating data within a heterogenous distributed file system is difficult due to the many file access standards in use. A file system for easily locating data includes storage devices holding at least one copy of each file. At least one location server maps a file identifier for each file into the location of a copy of the file represented by the file identifier. One or more name servers map a file name into the file identifier referenced by the file name.

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